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| REQUEST | Application Number 09/673,598 RECEIVED |
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| TRANSMITTAL | First Named Inventor: Ephriam et al. |
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| COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS | Examiner Name: Yogesh K. Aggarwal |
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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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| | Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. Other | |
| | a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; | |
| 2. | <u>Miscellaneous</u> | |
| | iv. Other | |
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| | i. Amendment/Reply | |
| | b. Enclosed | |
| | ii. Other | |
| | i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | |
| | the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. | |

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3. <u>Fees</u> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)

ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other

b. Check in the amount of \$900.00 enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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